

COMPARISON AND CONTRAST CHART

TEACHING NOTES

You can use the Comparison and Contrast Chart for prewriting activities related to the Writer's Workshop assignments and other writing projects. You can also use the chart to teach students to compare and contrast literary selections or characters in selections.

transparency on the overhead projector. Ask students to suggest two kinds of people, objects, or stories that share characteristics but that are different. After the class agrees on the topics or items, have students identify similarities and differences as you write them on the transparency.

Presentation

To show students how to use the Comparison and Contrast Chart with a prewriting activity, place the

Model Comparison and Contrast Chart

Issues / Characteristics	Topic / Item 1: Compact discs	Topic / Item 2: Audio tapes
Produce quality sound of music	X	X
Readily available	X	X
Relatively inexpensive		X
Can be played on portable players	X	X
Can be reused for recording		X
Resistant to heat	X	
Resistant to stretching distortion	X	

Summary statements: **Compact discs and tapes both produce quality sound, can be played on portable players, and are readily available. Compact discs are more expensive, but they are more durable than tapes.**

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Summary statements: _____
